

# ‘Someone will listen. I promise.

An open letter from the victim of the alleged sexual assault at the TKE house, Nov. 1

How can we react to sexual assault on campus if we don’t understand the emotional impact of the victims of sexual violence?

We always bring up statistics and what needs to be changed, but we never ask how we can help in the moments after an assault. We as a community have placed this unhealthy stigma on sexual violence that can only end when more men and women speak out; until more people are named as victims of sexual violence, the stigma around being a victim will not fade away. Today I am speaking out as a victim/survivor of sexual violence.

Learning the (Nov. 1 sexual assault) case was dropped was devastating, but the laws in Missouri are not in favor of victims of sexual violence. I have no history of depression or anxiety but lately life has felt numb. I witnessed the most terrifying day of my life, relived every moment of it and had to face the emotional moment of opening up to my parents to learn that nothing can be done.

The case being dropped broke me down even further, and for a moment I had felt like I was losing control over my life all over again. The aftermath of sexual violence doesn’t end when the investigation is over though, it still follows no matter what happens legally.

Imagine you have a mirror that was passed down to you and someone throws a rock into it and it shatters. You’re devastated, this mirror that you cherished was destroyed. You love this mirror so much you pick up those pieces and spend hours putting it back together with tape, shattered glass and a few cuts. When you step back and look in the mirror after you pieced it back together the best you could, it’s still missing some pieces.

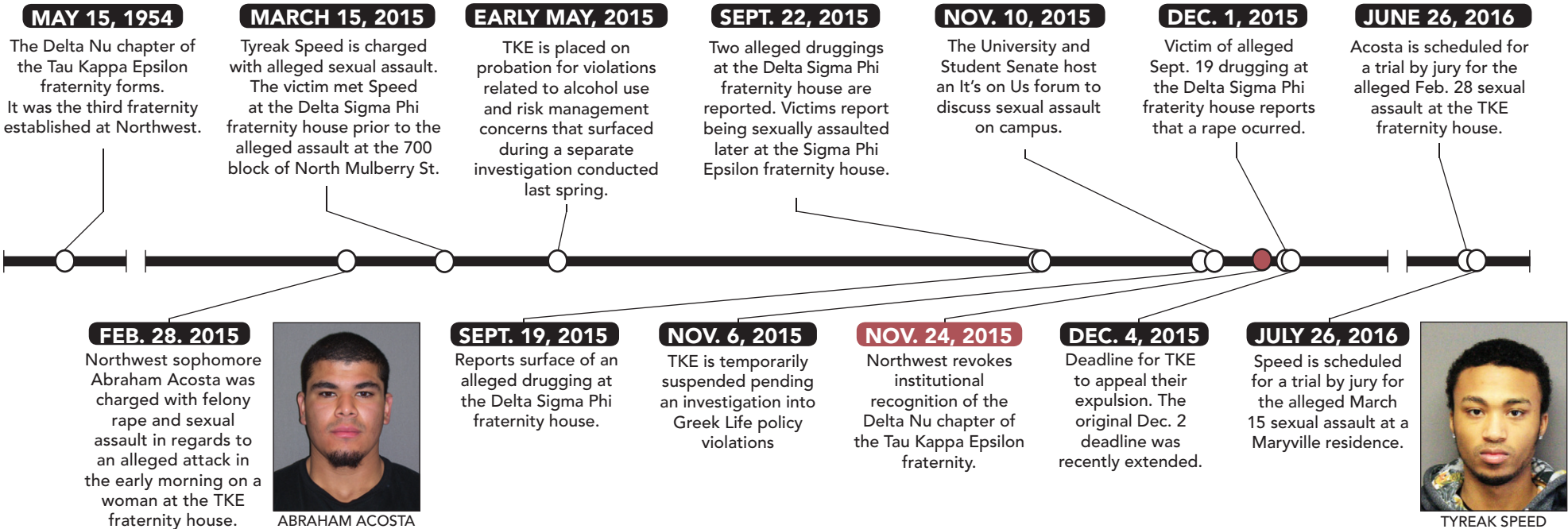
That’s me right now. I don’t look as “whole” in the mirror as I was before I was raped but as I keep moving forward I find more pieces and put them back together and become myself again. Someone destroyed who I was for a moment, but that doesn’t change my value. Just

like how the mirror still had that same value before it was shattered, so do I. The hardest part of this is I don’t recognize myself in this broken mirror, but as I keep picking up the pieces with the support that’s around me I start to see parts of myself again. Some days the reflection is more distorted like when I take a shower, and even though the bruises have healed by now, I can still see them sometimes. Like they never faded. I know it has only been a month, and time will help me put myself back together, but I also know I am not alone.

I know I can get through this because of the other men and women who have made it through before me. You are never alone in sexual violence. Don’t feel silenced because some people won’t listen. Someone will listen. I promise.

Signed,  
**Allison Roots**

## NOTABLE EVENTS



## NEWS BRIEF

### Past alleged rape at Delta Sigma Phi fraternity house now under investigation

The Title-IX Office and Maryville Public Safety are investigating an alleged rape at the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity house.

The rape allegedly took place Sept. 19 following a drugging at the fraternity house.

This was reported to University Police Nov. 30.

Due to the time between the alleged attack and the report, University Police said there was no direct threat to campus and no need for a Clery Act report.

Vice President of Student Affairs Matt Baker said this case will be difficult because of the time frame, but will go through the same procedure as any other Title-IX investigation.

“Every case is different,” Baker said. “Certainly the time is a factor, but the circumstances of every sexual assault is different. Even if it’s the same crime... you’ll investigate them differently.”

More information to come.

## University no longer to recognize Delta Nu chapter of TKE fraternity

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Northwest announced it would no longer recognize the Delta Nu chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), Nov. 24.

The University said in an email to faculty and students, that after a risk management investigation, it found TKE had violated probation on multiple occasions. TKE was placed on probation last spring. According to the email sent by Vice President of Student Affairs Matt Baker, these violations led to the decision to revoke the chapter.

TKE Chief Information Officer Alex Baker released a statement regarding the discontinued recognition of the Delta Nu chapter.

“We received notice from Northwest Missouri State University this morning regarding its decision to remove recognition of the Delta-Nu chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon,” Alex Baker said in an email. “The chapter has the ability to appeal the University’s decision. Our office has requested and not yet been provided with information to substantiate the claims shared today. We look forward to details from the University and will make a decision on the status of the chapter once the information has been provided. TKE is committed to building successful groups that contribute positively to campuses and communities across North America. If the Delta-Nu chapter is not living up to this standard, we will be happy to support the University’s decision to remove recognition and will take appropriate internal actions.”

## Rice not to file charges in Nov. 1 rape case at TKE

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Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney Robert Rice announced he will not be pressing charges in the Nov. 1 rape case at the Tau Kappa Epsilon house.

In a press conference hosted in his office Nov. 25, Rice said the charges would not be filled because of a lack of evidence.

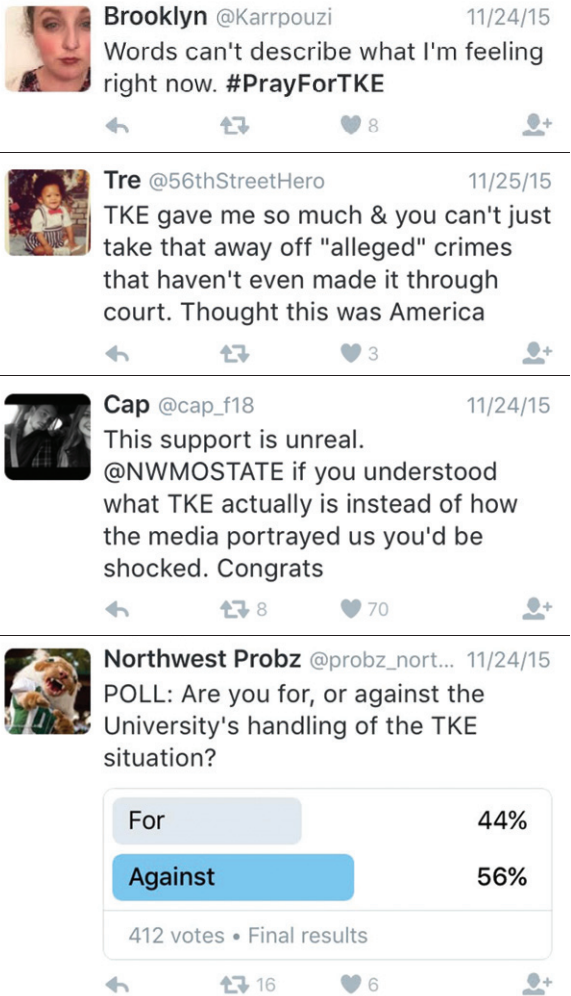
“Charges are not going to be filed. What we have here in this case is that the evidence is clear from the standpoint of the conclusion of the investigation,” Rice said. “She said,

‘Don’t touch me’ and didn’t want to have sex, and he says she never said that and that he thought it was OK to have sex. Based off that, I do not have the evidence for a jury to know who’s telling the truth and who’s not. Therefore, with that lack of evidence, I am not filing a criminal charge in this case.”

The victim, Allison Roots, said the assault took place in the early morning hours of Nov. 1. Rice said it was not reported until the evening hours of that Sunday, around 12 to 15 hours later.

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# International students broaden the educational enviroment

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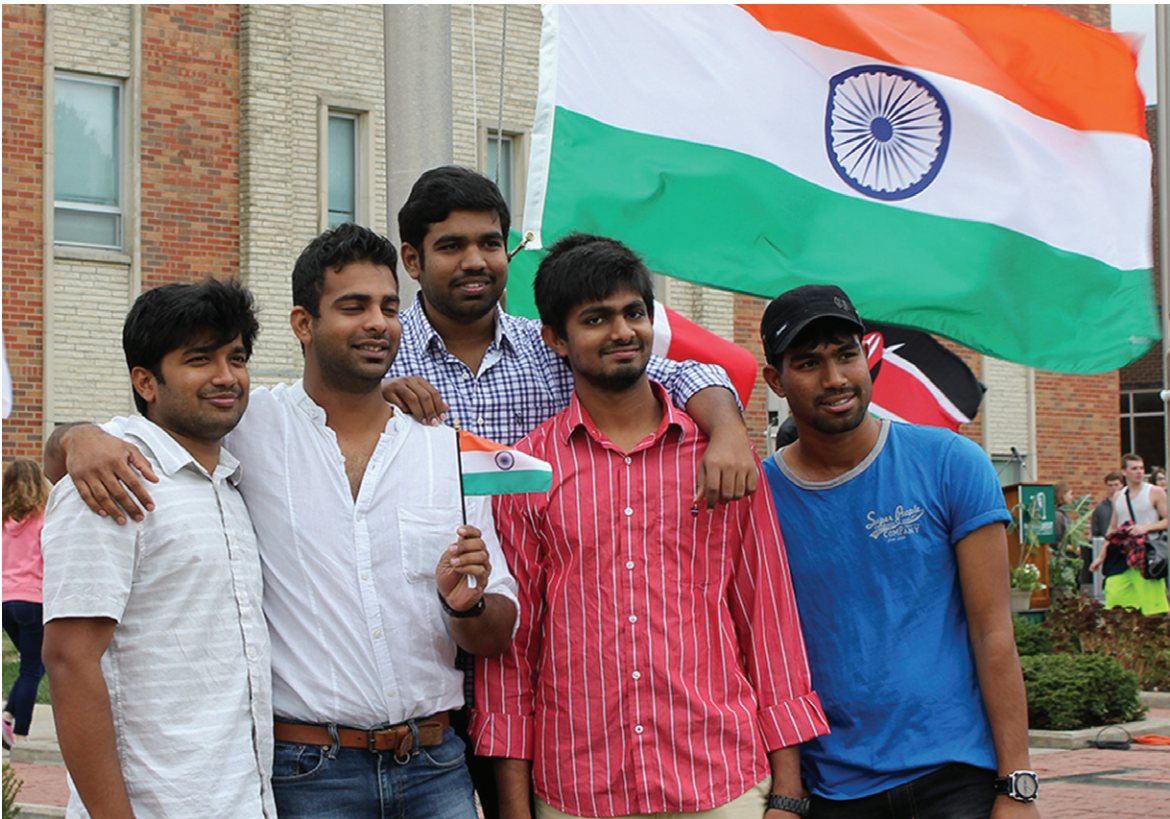
College campuses are intended to be a microcosm of the world around it. They are expected to be an environment that teaches students things like time management, organization, responsibility and a myriad of other skills to prepare students for life after college. Campuses also provide students with the chance to interact with cultures they typically would not get a chance to interact with.

Students from across the world come to American campuses in search of an education. International students add a level of cultural diversity to the campus that allows for domestic students and international students to learn from each other. Director of International Affairs Jeffrey Foot said this effect is meant to model the world.

“International students merely represent a world that is around us that is sometimes not experienced by many of our students,” Foot said. “Bringing students to Maryville from all over the world exposes all of us to what reality is in an intimate way. It is my hope that students will find avenues to meet and interact together.”

Foot said this effect benefits domestic students in the classroom just as much as it does outside of it.

“I hope class conversation and interest are generated by their presence,” Foot said. “I do not expect them to answer for the actions of their entire nation, but their perspectives and vision of academic content



International Students at Northwest learn to be fully immersed in another culture while getting an education.

should be brought forth in order to create a more rounded or multifaceted texture to classroom content and conversation.”

This increased conversation is aimed at developing students’ ability to understand the world around them. Foot said this meeting of perspectives is not beneficial to just the domestic students. International students also reap the benefits.

“They are immersed in and

learning first hand with students from the country in which they have chosen to study,” Foot said. “They will also be exposed to varied perspectives and visions of academic content.”

Senior Hongen Liu said blending the cultures was important, but it was also important to learn about the country you are going to before you go there.

“I think (learning about oth-

er cultures) is really important,” Liu said. “As the old proverb says ‘when in Rome, do as the Romans do,’ when you enter a new country you might want to study a bit into their culture so that you won’t offend them. In your country, it may be OK to do some things and in others they would be offended.”

According to educationcounts.govt.nz, a New Zealand government ran website, this change in class-

room culture can directly affect the curriculum of the class.

“The potential of international students to change both the content and the process of education has received considerable attention in the literature where it has been argued that they bring an international perspective to classroom discussions and that they challenge and encourage teachers to consider new methods of instruction that are more consistent with their previous learning experiences,” the website said in an article entitled The impact of international students on domestic students and host institutions.

However, for the interaction between students to take place, Foot said students must begin to reach out of their cultural, national and comfort zones to begin to understand the other side more. While the University provides many different programs for students to interact with someone from a different country, Foot said he would still like to see more.

“International Affairs has multiple programs designed to foster this interaction, and there are other efforts such as the BRIDGE Program in Residential Life that help with this as well,” Foot said. “I’d like to see more of this integrative programming, however.”

Foot said he believes more can be done to integrate the multiple cultures on campus and believes there are other ways the University can contribute. However, Foot said it is up to students to reach out to other students and different leadership groups to bridge the gap.

# Nixon discusses initiatives to increase University funding

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Gov. Jay Nixon visited Northwest Missouri State University to announce that more than \$6.9 million are being used in upgrades for student education in an initiative called Building Affordability. This initiative, proposed by Nixon in collaboration with public colleges and

universities, was passed with bipartisan support in the General Assembly. It will bring record breaking funding to two and four year institutions.

The bond’s money will be used to improve the electrical systems in several academic buildings such as Brown Hall, Fine Arts building, Martindale Hall, Owens Library and the Rickman Center. Windows will be replaced to increase safety and improve energy efficiency for

the Administration Building, Brown Hall, Colden Hall and the historic Gaunt House, which was built in 1875.

“The bipartisan \$200 million Building Affordability initiative will help make sure students are learning in state-of-the-art facilities that prepare them for the jobs of the future while keeping Missouri a leader in college affordability,” Nixon said.

All of the funds come from Building Affordability, which is a

component of Build Missouri, an improvement initiative that will fund nearly 500 projects throughout the state. Build Missouri includes bond money for repairs and renovations for state facilities, veterans’ homes, state parks and higher education campuses. The bond is also going to include building a new state-of-the-art mental hospital in Fulton.

Building Affordability has invested \$200 million in higher education campuses throughout the state, helping colleges and universities make needed renovations and improvements to their campuses without raising tuition to cover the costs.

Over the past six years, the Nixon’s administration has paid down hundreds of millions of dollars in state debt. When Missouri’s AAA credit rating was reaffirmed by the rating agencies, the state was allowed to benefit from the low interest rates and make long-term capital investments more affordable. In

September, Nixon and the leaders of the state’s public four-year universities and two-year colleges announced an agreement to freeze tuition for Missouri undergraduates for the 2016-2017 school year, restricting the ability to increase tuition fees.

An additional \$55.7 million from Missouri’s 2017 fiscal year budget will be included for performance funding for higher education. This will bring the total state funding for higher education to a record \$985 million next year.

Northwest University President John Jasinski Ph.D. was pleased with the Nixon’s actions to improve higher education.

“We appreciate Governor Nixon and the legislature for making this considerable investment in our campus so that we can continue to provide students with an outstanding education at an affordable price,” Jasinski said.

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# New law allows for resource collection in space

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Congress passed H.R. 2262, a celestial “Finders Keepers” law, being dubbed as the Commercial Space Launch Competitiveness Act (CSLCA), which grants U.S. citizens to legally claim natural resources mined in space.

The CSLCA, signed by President Barack Obama, includes provisions that authorize and promote exploration and recovery of space resources by U.S. citizens.

The new Space Act allows ventures to keep and sell any natural resources mined on planets, asteroids and other celestial bodies.

Commercial operations could reap trillions of dollars from mining precious metals like platinum, common metallic elements such as iron and water, the “oil of space.”

While agencies can set up private mines and legally claim any resources recovered, international law states that governments and private organizations cannot claim extraterrestrial land. The Moon Treaty, Article 11, 3, states:

“Neither the surface nor the sub-surface of the moon, nor any part thereof or natural resources in place, shall become property of any State, international intergovernmental or non-governmental organization, national organization or non-governmental entity or of any natural per-

son.”

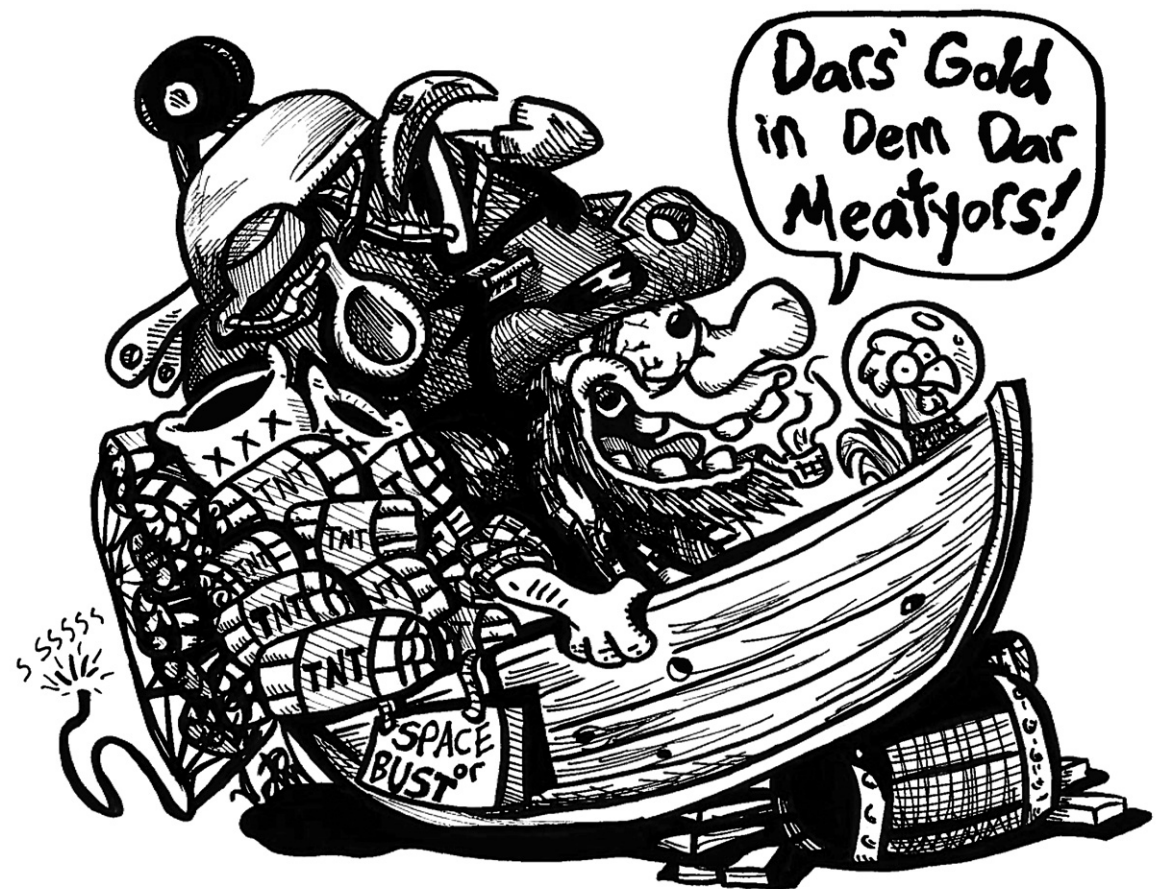
Deep Space Industries, another firm with stakes in asteroid mining, also lauded the new law. But some lawyers and experts voiced potential conflict between the Act and the Outer Space Treaty of 1967, which declares points such as “states shall avoid harmful contamination of space and celestial bodies,” and that celestial bodies and outer space in general are “not subject to national appropriation by claim of sovereignty, by means of use or occupation, or by any other means.”

Planetary Resources President and Chief Engineer Chris Lewicki said a number of investors expressed concerns about the issue. Lewicki added that space mining could also potentially damage the environment surrounding Earth and eventually result in resource-centered conflict.

Professor Ram Jakhu from the Institute of Air and Space Law at McGill University believes the U.S. Space Act is directly violating the treaty, as it allows states, private firms, or international organizations to appropriate natural space resources.

“I’m not sure how useful it would be moving heavy material to high-gravity locations like Earth. There might be more application in low-gravity settings. That’s all pretty far off though,” John Pope, Ph.D., said.

Some people, however, thought there was not anything particularly illegal or wrong with the space min-



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ing law and that mining does not equate to appropriation.

The U.S. House Committee on Science, Space and Technology denied any violation of the country’s international obligations, although its statement currently does not have any particular reference to interna-

tional law.

The U.S. and private entities such as the space-mining firms have been pushing for space resource extraction for decades.

For Moon Express, a privately held company of space entrepreneurs, plans its first mission to the moon in 2017 with a handful of other companies.

The law also requires Obama to submit a report with more information about space resource ownership to Congress in 180 days and renewal in not due until 2025.

# City council approves city’s first Christmas Parade

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With holidays around the corner, the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce has submitted an application requesting permission to hold a Christmas Parade at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4.. The event will begin at Second Street and North Main Street. Parade participants will be lining up on Second Street and going North on Main Street to Seventh Street, ending at Franklin Park.

For several years, the local Girl Scout troops have been responsible for decorating and providing the “Winter Wonderland” scene at Franklin Park where children come to visit Santa. When the end of the parade reaches Franklin Park, a lighting ceremony will be held for the Girl Scouts Winter Wonderland.

The original request to hold

a Christmas Parade was made for Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m., however at the Nov. 9 city council meeting, the item was tabled due to several concerns. Council and staff cited the potential conflict for large traffic numbers along Main Street during the requested time if a collegiate football game was played on this date. Maryville Public Safety also had concerns about security resources if both events occurred at the same time. To address these concerns, the Greater Maryville Chamber of Commerce requested to move the date up to Dec. 4.

In 2014, the city of Maryville approved of a development agreement with Maryville Eastside Development to aid the construction of proper groundwork to serve a 40 acre vacant tract of land located along East First Street (Highway

136) and Highway 71 Bypass. The area presented immediate economic development opportunities such as a new Pizza Ranch, Casey’s General Store, Lettuce Dream, and a carwash. During development, a permit was required for the private north-south roadway from the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) to allow access to East First Street (Highway 136).

The permit was acquired by the developer and at the time only included the Casey’s and carwash progress. During property closing of the Pizza Ranch, staff worked with MoDOT to renegotiate the permit to allow the Pizza Ranch and Lettuce Dream project to continue and allow access to Highway 136.

The addition of a new east-west roadway into the development from Depot Street will help with traffic

flow; however MoDOT has required that any further developments to the north will not be approved for joint access to East First Street (Highway 136) without a complete traffic study.

Construction of the north-south and east-west roadways are close to completion and the Pizza Ranch is scheduled to open in early 2016. Several vacant acres are opened to the north of the development and present economic development opportunities in moving forward. The city staff hopes to complete the required traffic study to ensure that there are no additional hurdles to development moving forward on the property.

The city applied for Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) funding through MoDOT to fund a portion of the traffic study refer-

enced above in Sept. The City was notified that the committee selected the TEAP application for funding Oct. 30. MoDOT allows the City to select a pre qualified engineer from the approved “On-Call” list to provide engineering services on the project. Snyder & Associates Engineers, Inc. is on this list and has provided an Engineering Services Contract for consideration.

There was an ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City Of Maryville to execute a contract with United Services, Inc. (Unitedfiber) for the purchase of equipment and installation of a Voice Over IP System. Appointments were also made in discussions with alternate members to Board of Zoning Adjustment. There were discussions of the Mozingo Lake Recreation Park sales tax renewal.

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# Letters to the Editor

By Xavier Kimble and Jayde Balentine

From the University of Missouri to Minneapolis and even Harvard University, prejudices and hate crimes against minority groups have been consciously overlooked in modern society. Unjust biases against the black community seem to be a popular form of discrimination in recent months.

Despite some of media’s interpretation of the Black Lives Matter Movement, it is not a call for black supremacy, nor does it call for the belittlement of white lives. All lives are important, but in our country’s cities, towns and educational institutions, black lives have been under attack.

The Black Lives Matter Movement started in 2013 after George Zimmerman was acquitted for the murder of Trayvon Martin. The message was advanced after the Michael Brown shooting. The black community used social media to push the hash tag #BlackLivesMatter in an effort to promote and demand justice for lives that were unjustly taken by law enforcement.

The message for Black Lives Matter does not imply that black lives are superior, but that black lives are not fought for to the same degree as white lives. Justice is

not equally distributed when a member of a minority group expresses concern about life, equality and equity only to be met with criticisms of being ungrateful, uneducated and insensitive. All too often minority groups are forced to address the popular argument of “reverse racism” despite the idea being false and ultimately non-existent.

Racism is a communicated behavior that is exercised by members of privileged groups believing that their race is superior to other races. White privilege holds a powerful systematic influence on all aspects of society. White privilege comes from the political, educational and social advantages that one is simply born with.

One example of white privilege is when a black person and white person apply for the same position, both could have the same qualifications, however, statistically it is shown the white person would be considered for the job first. Reverse racism does not have the foundation to exist, the oppressed cannot control the oppressor. Therefore, the artificial platform “reverse racism” trembles on is built upon false bias and preconceived notions.

Since the recent North-

west forum it is surprising, yet unfortunately expected that we have to readdress the importance of the Black Lives Matter Movement and why it impacts the campus and community. There are many misconceptions of what the movement stands for. The level of importance for equity in our country fluctuates. The Black Lives Matter Movement is only a continuous reminder that inequities and racism are prevalent issues in our country.

The dream that was fought for only fifty years ago during the Civil Rights Movement is still being fought, but is unachievable when members of the white community do not take the time to fully educate themselves and realize that minorities must continue to fight for justice.

All lives are important and do matter, but minorities have to scream louder for their voices to be heard. As a country, we must be conscious of the invisible veil that has shielded racism. We must be willing to make ourselves uncomfortable and listen in order to fully make progress towards a more equitable and prosperous nation. #BlackLivesStillMatter

By Bryce Arrington

OK, I’ll preface this by saying I cannot speak for everyone and my comments are generalizations and reflect my opinions on Black Lives Matter.

First, the Black Lives Matter movement does not imply that other lives do not matter as much. It implies that black lives are not valued in America (and on a global scale), therefore a viral campaign had to be created to remind our nation of that fact.

Condemning the Paris attacks is absolutely disgusting, but there is a point to be made. It’s my understanding that people were upset because the Paris attacks gained so much media attention and support so quickly, but massacres in Africa involving the Boko Haram/Al Shabaab have not been treated in the same manner. Again, no reason to condone the Paris attacks, but this fact aligns with the movement’s sentiment of undervalued black lives.

For the record, “reverse racism” can be called “reverse prejudice” if you want, but racism is pretty specific. In America, blacks and other people of color are minorities and the white majority holds power. It is easier to actually be affected by racism as a person of color than if you were white. Blacks are denied job opportunities because of their names, killed by police in disproportionate numbers to population size and incarcerated at alarming rates. These are

all products of racism. Does “reverse racism” hold any of the same weight? I know for sure it doesn’t.

By definition, racism refers to the system that is carrying out oppression due to race.

Also Black Entertainment Television (BET) exists because pretty much all other networks are majority white. There is a terrible amount of under representation in media. I don’t understand why it’s offensive or controversial for minorities to have a space in the media to celebrate their talents that aren’t being celebrated elsewhere.

Racism definitely exists here at Northwest. I’ve heard overtly racist comments about South Asian international students on many occasions. Which goes to show, racism can be affecting people’s lives. And if you aren’t experiencing it yourself, you would be clueless and not understand the extent to which people are upset and angry.

A few hideous comments and sentiments have for sure blemished the image of Black Lives Matter, but the validity of the movement still exists. It would be foolish to focus on the lows of the movement instead of the strong statements and knowledge that plenty of people are spreading. Black Lives Matter is not a joke. Oppressed people should definitely use their voices to spread awareness and make change. People should not be condemned for sharing their perspectives.

# Fear of Syrian refugees fails to live up to facts



The subject of Syrian refugees entering the United States has been highly-politicized and heated in recent months.

In lieu of both the November Paris attacks and continual online threats from the terrorist group Da’esh (‘Da’esh’ is a name given to the self-proclaimed Islamic State, and in Arabic it is an acronym for a play on words meaning, ‘a bigot who imposes his view on others’), many American politicians are understandably fearful of allowing refugees—who they say could be potential extremist terrorists into the U.S.

Many state governors have even gone so far as to say they will reject any Syrian refugees that are placed in their state, a rejection which is in-fact unconstitutional.

The issue of Syrian Civil War refugee-acceptance can only be seen clearly when observed away from the heated politics of election-cycles and fear, and instead this important issue must be seen as one placed within a discussion

about the historical pattern of the United States’ acceptance of refugees and the policy that pertains to such acceptance.

Before understanding the systems in place that would deal with an influx of Syrian refugees, one must frame the Syrian Civil War in a tangible way.

The Syrian Civil War began in March of 2011 and is currently in the eighth month of its fourth year, roughly as long as World War I. Part of what makes the Syrian Civil War such a complicated conflict is its multiple forces, which are all battling for the control of Syria.

These forces include—but are not limited to Syrian Government forces, Kurdish forces, Da’esh forces, the al-Nusra front, and Opposition forces.

Counting only civilian casualties, a UN report in January 2015 estimated that 220,000 non-combatant individuals have been killed thus as a result of the Syrian Civil War.

To put that number of 220,000 dead civilians into perspective, it’s roughly equivalent to the number of Jews from Germany, France, and Italy who were systematically exterminated in the Holocaust (respective conservative estimates

according to Columbia University’s The Columbia Guide to the Holocaust: 135,000 German Jews, 75,000 French Jews, 6,500 Italian Jews).

With the grisly nature of the Syrian Civil War now in view, one can begin to put the current issue of Syrian refugees into a perspective outside of election-cycle political-posturing.

Presidential candidate Ted Cruz recently commented on the topic of the Syrian refugees.

“And what’s astonishing among the Syrian refugees who’ve come to America—do you know that only 3 percent have been Christians?”

The 3 percent is somewhat disconcerting when compared to a 2006 State Department analysis of Syria’s religious demographic that reports that nearly 10 percent of Syria’s population is Christian, however, on second glance, the 7 percent disparity can perhaps be explained by the fact that the political group currently in power in Syria, the minority Alawites (of which Syrian President Bashar al-Assad is a member) combine with other minorities, such as Syria’s Christian population.

In addition, those opposing the acceptance of the roughly 10,000 refugees (the maximum

allowed by federal law in a single year) seem to be ignoring the United States’ recent history of refugee acceptance.

According to a recent Department of Homeland Security report, the U.S. accepted a total of 184,472 refugees from 2011-2013.

Moreover, during the same three-year period the U.S. accepted 63,087 refugees from Iraq, Somalia, and Iran—all of which are predominantly “Muslim” countries.

Perhaps the most base fear of the common American is the sentiment that while accepting refugees into the United States is the “right” and “moral” thing to do, a small group of rogue extremists could “slip-through-the-cracks,” which in light of the November Paris attacks seems perfectly reasonable.

Aside from the various digital surveillance programs currently active among the civilian population of the U.S., this fear of even a handful of terrorists coming to the United States with other Syrian refugees is put into perspective when the official procedure for incoming refugees is examined.

A whitehouse.gov info graph-

ic on the process explains in detail what the government does to ensure the successful and safe integration of the accepted refugees with the American population: the collection of personal information, biometric iris scans, and screenings by the National Counterterrorism Center, FBI, Department of Homeland Security, and the State Department, in addition to multiple cross-checks with possible terror-suspects and the taking and examining of fingerprints by multiple agencies. The process is exhaustive.

Fear over the acceptance of a few thousand Syrian refugees is understandable, but only to those who choose not to take the pertinent evidence and data into consideration.

Careful examination of the numbers and procedures will find that Syria’s civilian population is in dire straits, and in need of help from those who are in the position to offer it.

Equipped with thorough security measures and exhaustive resources to defend her borders, the United States is ready as it has already exhibited—to accept those in need.

# OUR VIEW: Implementing changes could improve Greek Life

In an email from Vice President of Student Affairs Matt Baker, it was announced that as of Nov. 24 the University would no longer recognize Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) as a fraternity.

In the wake of the closure and the new reports of a sexual assault at Delta Sigma Phi, President John Jasinski sent an email containing a new list of visions for Greek life going forward.

This list of visions includes new chapter leadership approaches, guiding structure and purposes,

policies and procedures, risk management policies, membership practices, benchmarking of other campus practices and recommendations for the future of the Greek system at Northwest.

These are the actions that needed to be taken long ago.

The fact that it took six different sexual assault cases and multiple broken sanctions placed on the fraternities for the University to recognize the need for a change is ridiculous.

However, we can all be thankful

that there are changes being made to Greek Life now.

Greek Life has needed a serious remodeling for far too long. We are glad to see these changes being enforced.

The guiding process will include alumnus John Moore and alumna Christina Amys as well as organizational leadership from Northwest Greek Life coordinator Lauren Stehlik, A team of students will also be added to the process.

These are great ideas. Alumni do not want to see their organi-

zations go drastically down hill. By appointing them to these positions, we are seeing people who care about Greek Life helping in the best way they can.

To include students from different organizations with no relation to Greek Life will also help.

We can hear the opinions of other students and let them decide what is genuinely best for campus.

Greek Life used to have a good meaning and motive with respectable members, but over time it has evolved into an organization

synonymous with partying.

Greek Life has a predominantly bad reputation. Putting these new rules into effect will help restore the dignity and honor of Greek Life.

The fact that the guidelines to follow for upcoming Greek chapters took so long to put together and implement is disappointing, but we are glad to see a change in the future of Greek Life.

It may not be much right now, but in the wake of all recent events, this is a very good start.

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In the email, Matt Baker explained what the decision not to recognize the fraternity means.

“As a result of this action, the chapter will no longer be recognized, identified or listed as a University-affiliated Greek organization. The chapter will no longer receive the benefits and support of a University-recognized student organization, and it is no longer permitted to participate in Greek Life activities including recruitment, initiation, Interfraternity Council and social events,” Matt Baker said in the email.

The fate of the TKE house is up to the national chapter. Residents of the house are being told to reach out to Residential Life for housing op-

tions.

The fraternity could originally choose to appeal this decision until Dec. 2. However, Matt Baker decided to push back the deadline until Friday Dec. 4 because of concerns that Thanksgiving break would interfere with the ability to appeal. Following either a decision to not appeal or a failure of an appeal, future students would not be able to petition for the existence of the chapter in 2019.

The email also detailed the University’s plan going forward regarding Greek Life in general.

“President (John) Jasinski also has called for the launch of a Greek Life visioning process to be led by two University alumni with organizational leadership from our Greek Life Coordinator, Lau-

ren Stehlik. The process will involve University leaders, students and alumni addressing the future of Greek Life at Northwest to ensure its vibrancy and positive contributions to student, organizational and community success,” Matt Baker said.

Matt Baker ended the email with a comment about the fraternity.

“Tau Kappa Epsilon has a long and proud tradition at the University and has been a foundational experience in the lives of many alumni. But the chapter’s deteriorating culture and refusal to abide by the terms of its probation leave the University with no choice but to revoke recognition,” Matt Baker said.

TKE was founded May 15, 1954 making it the third fraternity at Northwest. Because of the age

and size of the fraternity, it has developed a large alumni and campus following. After the announcement of the closure of the fraternity, many students took to social media sites like Twitter to express how they felt.

“Words can’t describe what I’m feeling right now. #PrayForTKE,” @Karprouzi said.

Many students accused the University and media of making snap judgements about the organization as a whole based on the actions of a few members.

“This support is unreal,” @cap\_f18 said. “@NWMOSTATE if you understood what TKE actually is instead of how the media portrayed us you’d be shocked. Congrats.”

Regardless of being kicked off, the TKE members have said they will continue their brotherhood and

what they have learned from each other.

“TKE gave me so much & you can’t just take that away off ‘alleged’ crimes that haven’t made it through court. Thought this was America,” @56thStreetHero said.

An account called Northwest Probz ran a poll to ask how the University and community felt about how the University handled the TKE situation and found 56 percent of voters were against and 44 percent were for the decision.

As of the time of publication, Matt Baker said he had not heard any word from the National Chapter about the fate of the house or whether or not the fraternity will decide to appeal. He also said he was unsure whether or not that information will be released when he receives it.

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They were able to prove Roots and the male had sex and that they were both drinking, but Rice said he could not prove enough more than that to get a conviction. For a conviction Roots’ blood alcohol content (BAC) needed to be tested to see if she was intoxicated past the point of consent. The time between incident and report made it impossible to prove.

“There was no way to measure it (her BAC) enough for a jury to sink the number,” Rice said. “No BAC was collected. I don’t have her exact level of impairment at all. I have the fact that she was drinking, that she started off at one particular house, moved to another, moved to another. I can’t prove she was incapacitated through intoxication.”

Rice said every house Roots went to that night was a fraternity house. She ended the night at the

TKE house. The day before Rice held his press conference, the University announced it would no longer be recognizing the Delta Nu chapter of TKE. Rice said he appreciated the University’s commitment to the safety of its students.

“I appreciate the efforts that Northwest is going through to ensure the safety of our students,” Rice said. “At the end of the day, that’s between the University and that particular fraternity. It does not speak to the alumni of that fraternity and, at the end of the day, those people in that fraternity knew what was expected of them from the University. They chose not to do that and that’s the consequences they have to live by. I appreciate the efforts that the University, Dr. Jasinski and Dr. Baker go through to ensure every student feels safe and secure and has a nurturing environment where he or she can learn and be academically successful.”

Roots’ only legal option now is to pursue a civil suit, but there could

be no further criminal actions. Despite the inability to pursue the case further, Rice said he was pleased with the response of the community and the use of the resources Maryville and the University has put in place to benefit victims of these crimes. However, he believes prevention is key in the future.

“I do want to say that people go out of their way now to inform, educate, and protect a person so they aren’t attacked,” Rice said. “I believe one of the lessons I’ve learned, one of the lessons I think comes from this case right here, is that we must prioritize prevention of sexual assault. Because when we have cases like these, when I cannot prove beyond reasonable doubt who’s telling the truth to a jury of 12 people to decide, we must prevent this from happening. So, with Megan Cosman and Officer Sarah Common who do their continuing workshops, people can be more educated about this. Going nn numbers, if you’re going to drink, drink in moderation. Don’t

get separated out in places you don’t know, so that something bad happens to you. I appreciate the University’s efforts in that. I also appreciate the fact that we are trying, as a community, to educate to prevent this stuff from happening. We have to continue to work on that, but the focus has to be prevention. Because, except for the cases where it is clear through the use of guns, if we can get the BAC to show incapacity, some of those what I call ‘obvious cases... those cases we can move on. But, for that, these cases here, we got to prevent them. There’s not a lot criminally I can do to prosecute it when you have that disputed fact and a lack of evidence.”

However, even with the criminal case being dropped, the Title-IX case is still underway. The Title-IX office has 60 days after a full case is put together to make a decision about the case. Vice President of Student Affairs Matt Baker said the lack of charges in the criminal side of the case will have zero effect on

the Title-IX investigation. The difference between the two has to do with the amount of evidence necessary for a conviction.

“I think some people watch too much law and order,” Baker said. “They think that a campus conduct process or a Title-IX process is the same as a criminal process. To get a conviction in a trial by jury it has to be 70 percent likely, 75 percent likely, 80 percent likely, but in Title-IX it’s 50 percent plus a feather. It is not a criminal proceeding, it is an educational proceeding. We can’t put someone in jail, the worse thing we can do is remove someone from the institution or there could maybe be a fine or probation. It’s not a criminal case. It could be that ,in the criminal case, they might have thought the person did it but they can’t convict them so they chose not to file chargers. That doesn’t mean the person is innocent, that means they can’t get a conviction. It’s like apples and Caddillacs.”

Blotters for the week of Dec. 3

**Maryville Department of Public Safety**

**Nov. 2**  
There is an ongoing investigation for Fraud at 200 block East 3RD Street.

**Nov. 12**  
There is a Fire Report for Hay Fire at 22000 block Valley Road.

**Nov. 13**  
There is an ongoing investigation for Assault at 1800 block North Main.

**Nov. 14**  
A summons has been issued to **Shianne E. Kolts**, and **Mary A. Fish** for Minors in Possession and **Sydney N. Baska** for Minor in Possession and False Information to Program Secretarial Officer at 400 block North Walnut.

A summons has been issued to **Taylor M. Legrone** for No Valid Driver’s License and Failure to Register A Motor Vehicle at 300 block North Grand Avenue.

A summons has been issued to **Cory P. Smith** and The A. Che for Peace Disturbance 1000 block North Buchanan.

**Nov. 15**  
A summons has been issued to **Nicole A. Carter** for Wanted on Warrant and Failure to

Appear at 600 block South Main.

**Nov. 16**  
A summons has been issued to **Justin W. Metcalf** for Driving While Intoxicated at 1200 block South Main.

There is an ongoing investigation for Stealing by Deceit at 200 block North Alco.

There is an ongoing investigation for Lost and Stolen Property at 1800 block North Main.

**Nov. 17**  
A summons has been issued to **John D. Farmer** for a Dog at Large at 600 BLK East Jenkins.

A summons has been issued to **Cynthia J. Moose** for Wanted on Warrant and Failure to Appear at 400 block North Market.

**Nov. 18**  
A summons has been issued to **Michael S. Kennish** for Driving While Intoxicated, Improper Left Turn, and Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility at 200 block North Water.

A summons has been issued to **Samantha L. Tiller** for Wanted on Warrant and Failure to Appear at 100 block West 2nd Street.

There is an ongoing investi-

gation for property damage at 1100 block North Main.

A summons has been issued to **Spenser M. Ward** for Minor in Possession at 400 block West 4th Street.

**Nov. 19**  
A summons has been issued to **Aaron J. Fowler** for Driver while Intoxicated and Failure to Dim Headlamps at 500 block West 3rd Street.

A summons has been issued to **Jack H. Young** for Driving while Intoxicated at 1100 block South Main.

There is an ongoing investigation of Burglary at 300 block East 2nd Street.

A summons has been issued to **Ethan J. Wonderly** for Driving while Revoked and Equipment Violation at 100 block North Buchanan.

**Nov. 20**  
There is an ongoing investigation for Larceny at 200 BLK West 4th Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for Hit & Run at 28000 block Business HWY 71.

**Nov. 21**  
A summons has been issued to **Noah P. Edge** for Wanted on Warrant and Failure to Appear at 400 block North Market.

**Northwest Missouri State University Police Department**

**Nov. 21**  
There was a closed case of five Drug Law Violations at Dietrich Hall.

There was a closed case of three Drug Law Violations at Lot 41.

There was a closed case of eleven Drug Law Violations at Sycamore.

**Nov. 22**  
There is an open case of Stealing

at Tower Suites.

**Nov. 23**  
There is an open case of Stealing at Hudson/Perrin.

**Nov. 24**  
There was a closed case of two Liquor Law Violations at Roberta Hall.

**Nov. 26**  
There was a closed case of seven Liquor Law Violations at Dieterich Hall.

**Nov. 30**  
There is an open case of Rape at 622 North Walnut.

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In the Heart of the Sea starring Chris Hemsworth will be released Friday, Dec. 11. The movie follows the tale of the sinking of a whaling ship that ultimately inspired Herman Melville's Moby Dick. Star Wars: The Force Awakens will be released Friday, Dec. 18. The movie will be a continuation of the saga created by George Lucas and is set 30 years after Star Wars Episode IV: Return of the Jedi, released in 1983.



There are 10 days until the official start of finals week and 15 days until the end of the fall semester.

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CROSSWORD

By Peter A Collins

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

Clues Across

- 1. Russian rulers (alt. sp.)
- 6. Swedish krona
- 9. Apothecaries' unit
- 13. MN 55121
- 14. Longer forearm bone
- 15. Prosperous state of well-being
- 16. Largest Czech city (alt. sp.)
- 17. Moss genus larger than Bryum
- 18. \_\_\_\_ Marie Presley
- 19. White native of Cape Province
- 21. Took the same position
- 22. About Sun
- 23. Respectful (abbr.)
- 24. Southeast
- 25. Rocket launching platform
- 28. Stake
- 29. Innermost parts
- 31. Bowfin genus
- 33. Past it's prime
- 36. Valleys on moon
- 38. Cheer
- 39. Abrupt response
- 41. Leave in disgrace
- 44. Israeli politician Abba
- 45. Of an ecological sere
- 46. Former Kansas Sen. Dole
- 48. Very fast airplane
- 49. Blood group
- 51. This moment
- 52. Body cavity
- 54. Patrician
- 56. Exposing to ridicule
- 60. Beowulf's people
- 61. Gooseberry genus
- 62. Ali \_\_\_\_ & the Forty Thieves
- 63. A French abbot
- 64. In a way, nailed
- 65. His equation predicted antimatter
- 66. Smaller quantity
- 67. Danish krone
- 68. Heartbeat

Clues Down

- 1. Used for insect sterilization
- 2. Arabian coffee cup
- 3. Culture medium & a food gelling agent

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- 4. Finger millets
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- 6. More guileful
- 7. Tree gnarl
- 8. Force into place
- 9. Drawn
- 10. Sudden attack
- 11. Donkeys
- 12. George Gordon \_\_\_\_
- 14. Behaving in an artificial way
- 17. Moundbird
- 20. Orange-brown antelope
- 21. Flocks of mallards
- 23. Hall of Fame (abbr.)
- 25. Golf score
- 26. Friends (French)
- 27. Pickling herbs
- 29. In a way, dwelt
- 30. Pierces forcefully
- 32. Estranges

- 34. Shooting marble
- 35. Amounts of time
- 37. Register formally
- 40. Explosive
- 42. Kanza people, \_\_\_\_ Nation
- 43. Symbolize Shakti
- 47. Burdock seed vessel
- 49. Wild sheep of central Asia
- 50. Am. naturalist Charles Wm.
- 52. A fencing sword
- 53. Romanian city straddling the Cibin River
- 55. Small talks
- 56. Not well
- 57. Astronomer Sagan
- 58. Overgarments
- 59. Twist together
- 61. Radioactivity unit
- 65. Double play

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# BLACK FRIDAY

The holiday spirit takes a turn to the dark side

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The leftovers are packed away in the fridge, the starving college student’s belly is full and there is a line half a mile long outside of Victoria’s Secret. It is Black Friday again.

There are several American traditions that other countries find odd. Perhaps the most famous one is Black Friday. Hours after families have gone around the table and listed their reasons to be thankful, those same families snatch \$3 toasters from others’ shopping carts at WalMart and elbow their way to the front of the line.

According to blackfriday.com, Black Friday is the unofficial start to holiday shopping. In 1924, Macy’s held its first Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Friday following, retailers began to notice a vast increase in sales. The day officially earned its title in 1960.

The title refers to the period of time when stores move out of the “red,” or out of a deficit, and into the “black,” or making a profit.

Black Friday seems to come earlier every year, now beginning at some stores as early as 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. Some comedians are starting to refer to Thanksgiving as Black Friday Eve.

Freshman Rachel Hayes ventured into the streets early Friday morning in attempt to beat the crowds.

“My mom and I went to WalMart at 6 a.m.,” Hayes said. “We heard stories about all of the crazy shoppers, but we hoped that most of them had gone out Thanksgiving night.”

Hayes used Black Friday to do most of her Christmas shopping before the holidays creep too close.

“I love shopping for other people. I look forward to it, but it is smart for me to go early and go when there are good deals going on, because otherwise I couldn’t afford it,” Hayes said.

Other people avoid the stores all together and stick to shopping online during what is now referred to as Cy-

ber Monday. According to USAToday, sales from this past Monday are expected to hit a record high of \$3 million, making it the biggest online sales day of the year.

With the ease of online shopping, people are less likely to roam the store aisles, elbowing soccer moms out of the way for the best video game deals.

However, there is nothing quite like fighting shoppers to conclude a Thanksgiving break. Also, shoppers cannot try on shoes or clothing online. Therefore, thousands still march out of their homes at the crack of dawn Friday, wait outside stores in freezing rain and fight their way to get the best deal.

Holiday shoppers often make fools of themselves. Hayes recalls seeing women making quite the scene in Victoria’s Secret.

“Well, Victoria’s Secret controls the amount of people that are allowed in the stores at one time. There is a line outside and the number of people that leave equals the number of people let in,” Hayes said. “Even (when) there was plenty of stuff to buy, I saw women running through the store and elbowing to get what they wanted. One woman was even taking bras and perfume out of another woman’s bag while she was looking through the underwear.”

Scenes like this cause holiday shopper Kay Kotan to avoid the mall and busy streets all together this time of year.

“The sales are not worth what you have to go through, with fighting to get the merchandise,” Kotan said. “People are rude, the lines are long, it takes much more time than it normally does to shop.”

Kotan has not always avoided the stores on Black Friday. She went

seven years ago before throwing the towel in.

“You would pick something up, and you would have people grabbing it out of your hands because they wanted it,” Kotan said. “The final straw for me was the rudeness. People pushing, shoving all to save a couple dollars.”

Kotan primarily shops before Thanksgiving for her Christmas presents before the holiday season begins, and if she has to go out after Thanksgiving, she tries to plan her shopping during the day while most people are working.

Freshman Jordyn Azcona worked the crowds during Black Friday at TJ Maxx and said it is always the busiest day for sales.

“My work wasn’t too bad because we honestly didn’t have a whole lot of deals,” Azcona said. “But starting at noon, the line was out of the queue for hours. Everyone did their morning shopping then headed to my store for the last couple hours.”

Despite the store not being busy until the later hours of the day, Azcona still saw some crazy shoppers.

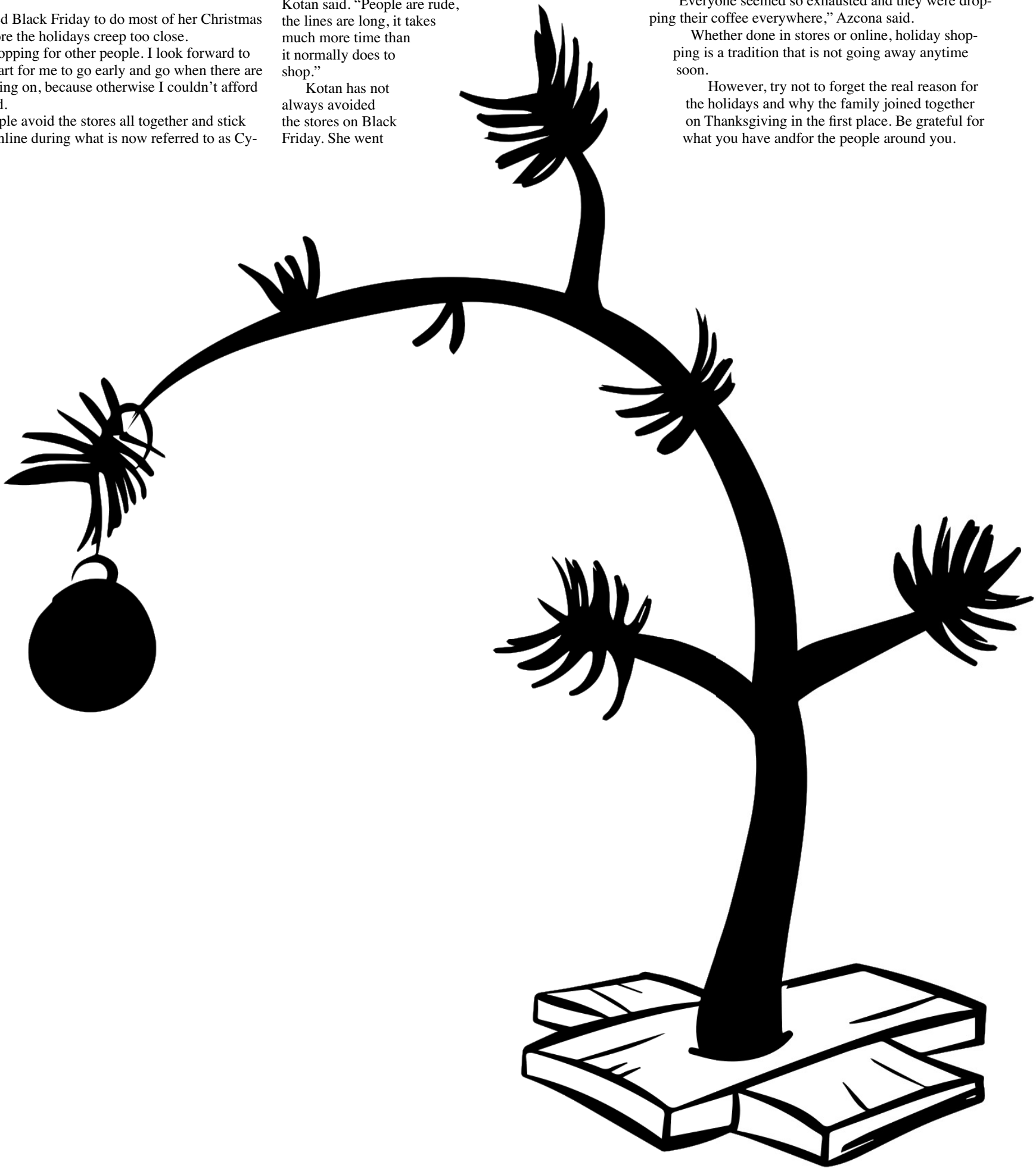
“We only had one speaker left. These two girls got into a heated argument over it and started using vulgar language. We had to tell them to be civil or they would have to leave. In the end, neither one of them bought the speaker. It was ridiculous,” Azcona said.

Most of Azcona’s customers had been shopping since the early hours of the morning, some as early as 2 a.m. She recalls cleaning up spilled coffee frequently.

“Everyone seemed so exhausted and they were dropping their coffee everywhere,” Azcona said.

Whether done in stores or online, holiday shopping is a tradition that is not going away anytime soon.

However, try not to forget the real reason for the holidays and why the family joined together on Thanksgiving in the first place. Be grateful for what you have and for the people around you.





# Students agree ‘It’s About Time’ for new music

**LUKE PETERSON**  
Missourian Reporter | @TheMissourian

With the new year approaching, new music is on the rise. Artists from various genres work on new releases to please old fans and discover new ones.

Country artist Hank Williams Jr., who is known for the opening theme song of Monday Night Football on ABC and ESPN plans to release his next album, “It’s About Time” Jan. 15, 2016.

Williams will be recording with his new label, Nash Icon Records.

He signed to the label in 2015, less than a year after Nash Icon Re-

cords launched with famous country musicians Reba McEntire and Martina McBride.

The album will be the 66 year-old’s first album since 2012. Sophomore Jacob Harris is anticipating the release.

“I grew up listening to Hank all the time in ‘Bama,” Harris said. “I can’t wait for it to (be) on Spotify when it is released so I can listen to it. I hope it’s as good as some of his older songs.”

Various country singers such as Eric Church, Brantley Gilbert, Justin Moore and Brad Paisley will be featured on select songs of the album.

The day after Williams Jr.’s album debuts, pop rock band Panic!

at the Disco will release “Death of a Bachelor.” This studio album is the follow up to 2013’s “Too Weird to Live, Too Rare to Die!”

The album, recorded by Fueled By Ramen Records, was completely composed and tracked by lead vocalist Brendon Urie after drummer Spencer Smith left the band and bassist Dalton Weekes switched to be one of the touring members of the group and no longer records music with the band.

“It’s going to be a little bit different. It’s this mix between Sinatra and Queen,” Urie said in an interview with Los Angeles’ radio station Alt 98.7 as he was describing the new sound of the album.

The first taste of the album arrived April 2015 with the release of lead single “Hallelujah.” The single debuted at 40 on the Billboard Hot 100 giving the band its second top 40 song. Its first since “I Write Sins Not Tragedies” in 2006.

Along with Williams Jr. and Panic! at the Disco, British Indie Rock band, The 1975, will release a new album in 2016.

The band is set to follow up its debut self-titled album with “I Like It When You Sleep, for You Are So Beautiful Yet So Unaware of It” Feb. 26 with Interscope Records.

The 1975 caused confusion with its fans in summer 2015 when social media accounts for the band went

down. Fear of a breakup spread across the Internet before the band announced it was recording the album.

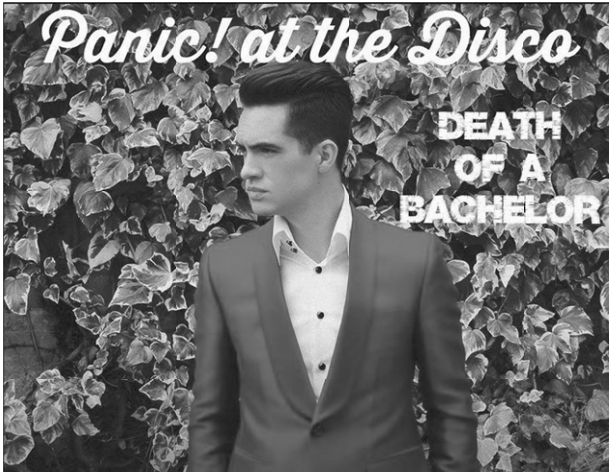
The lead single “Love Me” was released in October and disappointed Sophomore Blake Pfeil.

“I was hoping the band would improve after its first album,” Pfeil said. “I wasn’t impressed too much with the self-titled album and I wanted to see the band try to make the new song sound different from the other stuff to set it apart.”

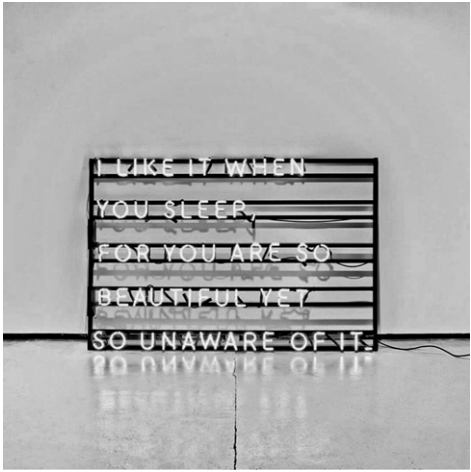
This new wave of music has given fans fear, hope and most of all anticipation of what’s to come.



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## THE STROLLER: Your Woman Does Not Really ‘Need’ You

Freeze. Before you start freak-ing out, I am not saying that girls are going to start breaking up with their boyfriends and everyone is going to be single and the feminists will start taking over the world.

However, there is a distinct difference between wanting a person in your life and needing a person in your life.

Everyone has seen Liz Charles’ video, right? “I am a strong inde-

pendent black woman (or any other ethnicity/race) and I don’t need no man.” Preach.

Ladies and gents, listen up. There is a lot to learn in the next hundred words.

Needing someone means that you cannot function without him or her. You cannot go to the store alone, you cannot change the oil in your car, you cannot do your normal daily activities without your significant

other by your side.

Initially, this sounds romantic. Life is not the same without your boyfriend or girlfriend around, and you cannot bear to go through tough times without them.

Needing someone is not the same as loving someone. If you are keeping your significant other around out of necessity, then you need to reevaluate your relationship.

However, there is something to

be said about wanting someone in your life.

When you want someone in your life, you recognize that life is better when he or she is around. You have genuine fun around this person and difficult times seem more bearable.

If you ask me, that seems a hell of a lot more romantic. A person in a wanting type of relationship is still an individual. You do not lose your

sense of self along the way. You recognize that you can function by yourself, but that does not necessarily mean that you want to.

Fall in love. Find someone who makes you happy. But do not lose yourself in the process. Stay thirsty, my friends.

*The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.*

## How to get through finals: Students share five ways to make the grade

**LUKE PETERSON**  
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As the semester comes to a close, it is time to prepare for final exams. Exams can make or break a grade for a class, so try to follow some of these tips.

1. Make a plan. Planning time to study can help prevent cramming the night before.

According to HackMyStudy.com, students should split up studying in 25 to 30 minute sessions with short breaks of up to ten minutes to re-energize and process the information studied.

Set rewards for time spent studying, too. Schedule in time for breaks

to watch a cute YouTube video of a labrador puppy, or make a run to get a treat from Dairy Queen. This can take the mind off things for a while and is also an incentive to continue studying. Senior Johnny Looman said he likes to watch an episode of “The Office” or other comedies as both a reward and a way to keep his spirits up.

2. This tip comes from Junior Adam Purdy, a Residential Assistant in Dietrich Hall.

“A good tip is to use all the resources on campus,” Purdy said. “Places like the TDC on the second floor of the library or the ARCH in the residence halls.”

Other resources that are benefi-

cial to utilize include professors or SI sessions. The professor or SI session can go over in-class content in depth and answer more questions.

The use of flashcards can also be a good resource. Quizlet is a perfect site to use free digital sets of flashcards. The site allows the user to create flashcards and use various methods to learn the terms. The site offers tests over the terms along with games to retain information.

3. Find a study environment. Make it a distraction free zone for studying only. Silence your cell phone, close Facebook and focus on work. Take advantage of quiet study rooms in the dorms or the library.
4. Relate the material to every-

day situations or use mnemonic devices to make learning the material easier. If information can be associated to an item or idea, learning the new material becomes faster and easier.

Mnemonic devices can be used to remember items in a set order. They can be acronyms or phrases. An example is “All Cows Eat Grass” to learn the notes in music on the spaces of the bass clef, ACEG.

5. Stay healthy both physically and mentally. The infamous “all-nighters” have been proven to hurt students in the long run. According to the National Sleep Foundation, young adults 18-25 should be getting seven to nine hours of sleep

a night. The National Sleep Foundation also states that getting sleep helps the memory retain information and perform better.

Along with sleep, drinking water and eating healthier foods is always important. Foods like oily fish can lead to an increase in brain activity and fruits like blueberries can help eliminate short term memory loss according to BBC Good Foods.

Avoid excessive stress by coloring, deep breathing or listening to calming music to get the mind relaxed.

Finals are stressful, but with the right plan and resources, students can boost grades and end the semester on top.

## Happy Ending, Right?

A short story by Makenzie Dockerty

I don’t know how this happened. It started as a normal day. I was just walking to school when all the sudden, I was grabbed from behind and thrown in the trunk of a car. I didn’t even have time to scream. What was going on?

I felt around for my phone, but couldn’t find it. Starting to hyperventilate, I found it, grabbed it, and hugged it to my chest. I dialed 911 and nothing happened. I looked to see if I had a signal, and of course I didn’t. Why me? Were these people after money? I took a deep breath and watched the signal on my phone. It seemed like forever before it returned. I dialed 911 again.

The conversation with the operator blurred in my mind. The car stopped and my eyes widened and I put my phone on mute and hid it. The trunk opened and I felt a pair of hands grab me roughly. I didn’t try to fight, I was too afraid of what they would do. The person placed my feet on the ground, but grabbed my hands and held them behind my back, tying them with a rope tightly. I winced.

Then there was someone in front of me, and he was huge. My eyes widened and I wanted to scream but no sound would

come out at all. Suddenly, his hand was over my mouth, making sure I couldn’t scream.

“You’re coming with me, princess,” he growled.

My head dropped to my chest and I followed him, not wanting to get hurt. We got into a room and he shoved me into a chair, tying my legs to it, untying my arms, then tying them to the chair. He then put a piece of tape over my mouth.

“Now, hopefully you can be a good little girl, and you might get to go home. Will you be good?” he asked. I nodded.

“Good, now do you know why you’re here?” I shook my head.

“You know your daddy is a very powerful man and he owes me a lot of money. You are collateral. Once I get my money, he gets you. If not, then you stay with me.” He grinned evilly.

I had always known my father had enemies, but who would kidnap a fifteen-year-old girl for money? I knew I should’ve let my mom drive me this morning. The tears silently left my eyes. The guy didn’t leave, so I kept my head down. I wondered if the police lady is still listening.

It was silent for a long time. I peeked up and saw the guy was on his phone. It looked like

he was just playing games. I looked back down and stayed that way, hoping that I would be found quickly.

All of the sudden, his phone rang and he answered it.

“Hello,” he said. There was a pause. “They’re what? How did they find us? No one followed you right? Well, he needs to pay us back. I think I know the best option.”

When he said that, he looked at me and smiled again. My heart started racing. I didn’t want to die. I was too young. The police should get here first; things like this have happy endings. I felt the barrel of a gun lift my chin up.

“Don’t cry, sweetheart, I’ll make it painless,” he said, that smile still on his face.

I started shaking my head no, hoping he would take the tape off so I could talk.

“Nice try, doll, but that’s not gonna work.”

Banging on the door. It was the police! I looked up. My captor looked confused and angry. Suddenly the door was broken down. I turned my head to look at my saviors when I felt a pain in my chest. Blood soaked my shirt. My eyes rolled back into my head and I felt nothing.

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Northwest players pump up the crowd during Saturday's game against Humboldt State. Northwest will face a rematch with MIAA foe Emporia State Saturday. The Bearcats crushed the Hornets 44-10 Nov. 7.

PLAYOFFS  
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“We do hang our hat on our defense, and that’s how you win a championship,” Dorrel said. “That’s why we’re consistent year in and year out. If you play great defense this time of year, you’ve got a chance. If you win the turnover battle, you’ve got a chance. Those are the two things we talk about consistently.”

Not only is Northwest’s defense firing on all cylinders, but the offense is as well. The Bearcat offense is averaging 49 points-per-game in November. In the past three games, senior quarterback Brady Bolles has thrown nine touchdown passes with just one interception. Junior running back Phil Jackson II said the offense has been motivated by the success of the defense. “You might go three and out on offense, but when you have no worry that the other team is going to score because you know your defense is

going to stop them, it helps you go back to the sideline and not worry,” Jackson said. “We can actually worry about what we’re going to do next series and what plays we’re going to draw up so we can actually go out there and score a touchdown.” The Bearcats face a familiar foe in the quarterfinals in the Emporia State Hornets. The first time these two teams met was senior night in Bearcat Stadium for the MIAA Championship. The Bearcats defeated the Hornets 44-10. Dorrel said preparing to face a team for the sec-

ond time is much harder than the first time. “Honestly, the second time you play a team it’s a little bit more of a chess match than the first time around,” Dorrel said. “You have to move your pieces around a little bit to try to fit what you’re doing, to try to fit what they’re doing.” Jackson said that as well as his team played the first time they lined up against the Hornets, they know they have to play that much better the second time around. “When we played Emporia, we

kind of played a perfect game, almost,” Jackson said. “We’re going to have to step our game up even more this coming week because we know they’re going to come back with a vengeance, and they are going to come back even harder than they did the first time. We’re going to look at their past three games and look at what they’ve been doing differently and kind of feed off that.” The Bearcats face Emporia State in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II playoffs at 1 p.m. Dec. 5 in Bearcat Stadium.



Trey Oglesby prepares for basketball season after a tough loss in football following the loss against Odessa.

OGLESBY  
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“I had more fun (playing golf on a team). I got better at it,” Oglesby said. Oglesby has been the starting quarterback for the Spoofhounds for the last two seasons. Oglesby has passed for a combined 2881 yards with 38 touchdowns and 16 interceptions during this period. He also rushed for 489 yards with nine touchdowns. The Spoofhounds have only lost two games with Oglesby as quarterback. Both were in the state quarterfinals against Odessa. Oglesby passed for 143 yards

and three interceptions in 2014’s 69-23 loss. In 2015’s 28-14 loss, Oglesby passed for 107 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. Despite losing to the same team in the same setting two years in a row, Oglesby says there is not much disappointment. “It was a good season,” Oglesby said. “It did not end up like we wanted to. We took the good from it and held it back a little bit. We will be back next year.” Oglesby joined the basketball team for the first time this year following the Nov. 13 loss to Odessa. Stoecklein is gradually enhancing the point guard’s involvement due to an ankle injury which developed

during the football season. “He keeps on asking ‘can I do this, can I do this, can I do this,’” Stoecklein said. “When we have seen him in there, he has been great, but like I said, we have been limiting what he can do so we can get his ankles better.” Oglesby is looking to build off of last year’s 13-13 season which ended with a 33-35 loss to East Buchanan in the semifinals of the Class 3, District 16 tournament. “Hopefully we are a little better this year,” Oglesby said. “We will be better. A little closer knit. The better chemistry we have the better the team will be.”

NCAA  
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So far, there are only 75 teams that are bowl eligible, so that means there could possibly be up to five teams with a 5-7 record who can qualify for a bowl. Missouri Tiger fans, you have been spared. You will not be forced to watch another miserable game orchestrated by a lethargic offense. The University of Missouri already came out and said enough is enough, the school will not apply for bowl eligibility. However, teams like Nebraska, Minnesota, San Jose State, Illinois and Rice are still very much in the mix at 5-7 to gain entry into a bowl game. Obviously, allowing the 5-7

teams to participate in a bowl game was the only viable option the NCAA could make. Going forward, the NCAA should use this mishap to seriously evaluate and fix the post-season predicament. I recommend that the NCAA eliminate about 15 bowl games, which could be hard to do because, like all other organizations, college football revolves around money and television deals. Plus, the NCAA is already talking about adding more bowl games next year. That could really make things interesting. Pretty soon, the NCAA will be debating whether or not they should allow 3-9, 4-8 teams to participate. Don’t hold your breath, Jayhawk fans, I seriously doubt an 0-12 team will ever be considered,

but from what I am seeing, you can never say never. In all seriousness, the NCAA really should consider revising its postseason bowl format to protect the integrity of the game. In years past, it’s been hard to watch some bowl games because there’s nothing exciting about Toledo taking on Utah State in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. In order for the NCAA to take further steps into seriously protecting the integrity of college football, it should eliminate the possibility of allowing 6-6 teams to participate. When bowl games were first established, they were charged with the purpose of celebrating success, not mediocracy.

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# Girls' basketball falls in season opener

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With a new season and a new head coach in Quentin Albrecht, Maryville was looking for a fresh start to begin the 2015-2016 season.

"I hope they see that when we come out, we play hard and with a lot of intensity," Albrecht said. "Being the first game with a new coach and a new system. I just hope the fans see that we play the game the right way. I really want us to be a team that works hard, plays hard and represents ourselves well."

Maryville opened the game with a very inspiring first possession, moving the ball around for almost two minutes, making multiple passes and precise cuts. The superb ball control led to a foul and two free throw attempts for the Spoofhounds guard Felicia Sheil. She was not able to convert either of the two, but this trend of great ball movement continued the rest of the half.

This was vital for the Spoofhounds going into the game. Everyone on Maryville's side knew how good Chillicothe was.

“Chillicothe may be the best team we play all year,” Albrecht said.

He also mentioned that this

Chillicothe team went 26-4 last year, returning all of its starters but one.

"We're on the opposite end of the spectrum. We're a young crew and we're under a new system, so it's really a contrast in that way," Albrecht said.

Chillicothe girls basketball team has been historically good over the past decade, largely due to its ability to outwork opponents by pushing the ball at every missed opportunity.

This Spoofohound team scratched and clawed for every single possession it could get its hands on. Whenever the basketball was loose on the court, Coach Albrecht would shout “dog pile” which is code for every girl on the floor to dive to the ground for the ball, and the girls would do exactly that.

Amongst those girls is senior guard Jacquelyn Ware.

"I think we played exceptionally well during the first half," Ware said.

At halftime, the score was within striking distance at 17-25. The second half started to turn into something Coach Albrecht didn't want to see. Chillicothe pressed more on the defense, creating little separation for Maryville to work with, draining the energy out of the Spoofhounds.

Chillicothe was also able to keep hold of its fast break style of play once again, wearing down Maryville



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**Maryville High School girls took on Chilicothe in Savannah Tuesday night. The Spoofhounds lost 52-31.**

more and more throughout the game. With that, Maryville couldn't apply the scrappy defense it had shown in

the first half, resulting in easy buckets for Chillicothe and eventually doubling the halftime lead.

“We knew we were going to play a good team, so we played like we had nothing to lose,” Ware said.

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## MHS wrestling prepares for the upcoming season with four returning state qualifiers.

# Wrestling seeks momentum from last season's success

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When the Maryville Spoofhounds wrestling team concluded its 2014-15 campaign, it accomplished something that has not been done since 2008: they sent six qualifiers to state. In year two, under the vigorous and watchful eye of head coach Connor Kellerstrass, the Spoofhounds are trying to improve from their strong finish.

To the average eye, the decrease in the number of members on the wrestling team would spell certain disaster. That is not the case to coach Kellerstrass who believes small numbers provide a significant advantage, particularly in regards to progression.

“We have pretty low numbers, so we’re just going to focus on individually getting better each week and whatever happens, happens,” Kellerstrass said.

With four returning state qualifiers including senior Trevor Zimmerman at the 160-pound class, junior Matt Twaddle in the 152-pound class, junior Cayden Dunbar in the 132-pound class, and senior Jacob Partridge in the 113-pound class, the Spoofhounds appear to be more than equipped to

make another run.

“We may have a few new wrestlers come through and make state as well,” Dunbar said.

That appears to be the theme of this year's team. Coach Kellerstrass focuses on helping newer wrestlers while the older, more experienced wrestlers follow suit. In the process of spreading his knowledge, Kellerstrass believes one thing will make the Spoofhounds take the next step: takedowns.

"I had a coaching staff when I was in high school that taught us to focus on our feet and never giving up. The boys did a good job at that. You find a way to win the ones on the edge, the ones with a few seconds left, and that makes a big difference," Kellerstrass said.

Twaddle said preparedness was key going forward.

“Just looking for everyone to come in every-day ready to learn. If we do that, we’ll meet any expectation we set for ourselves,” Twaddle said.

With Kellerstrass' plan put in place and his identity emphasizing footwork and relentlessness, the Spoofohounds season beings on Dec. 12 when they travel to Bedford for a dual with Lenox and Bedford.

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## NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

### MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Central Missouri.....	6-0	0-0
Fort Hays St.....	5-0	0-0
Pittsburg St.....	5-1	0-0
Central Oklahoma.....	4-1	0-0
Lindenwood.....	4-1	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	4-1	0-0
Washburn.....	4-1	0-0
Lincoln.....	3-2	0-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	3-2	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	2-2	0-0
Missouri Southern.....	3-3	0-0
Emporia St.....	2-3	0-0
Missouri Western.....	2-4	0-0
Northeastern St.....	1-3	0-0

### Dec. 3

NORTHWEST at Southwest Baptist

### Dec. 5

NORTHWEST at Central Missouri

Emporia St. at Fort Hays St.

## NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### MIAA Standings

	Overall	MIAA
Central Oklahoma.....	4-0	0-0
Emporia St.....	6-0	0-0
Northeastern St.....	6-0	0-0
Lincoln.....	6-0	0-0
Missouri Southern.....	5-0	0-0
Missouri Western.....	4-0	0-0
Washburn.....	4-1	0-0
Pittsburg St.....	4-2	0-0
Fort Hays St.....	4-2	0-0
Lindenwood.....	4-2	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	4-2	0-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	3-2	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	2-4	0-0

### Dec. 3

NORTHWEST at Southwest Baptist

### Dec. 5

NORTHWEST at Central Missouri

Emporia St.



# Women’s basketball team starting to come together

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The Northwest women’s basketball team is finding its groove after a slow start to the season.

The Bearcats started the season 0-4, but they are now on a two-game winning streak.

Northwest faced a tough start in the beginning of the season by playing superior competition with a new group of faces.

“We started off with a hard non-conference schedule,” head coach Michael Smith said. “Going into today, the four losses we had this season, the teams are a combined record of 21-2. I think it is going to really prepare us for MIAA competition. It has been nice to get back on track. Playing at home has really helped, but I think our team is starting to gel a lot more.

“I think our young kids are starting to grow since they have a few games under their belts. I like the direction we are going. When our kids show up and play hard and do their job, they are a really fun team to watch and coach.”

Fighting back after a slow start has not changed the team’s attitude. Smith said he has seen the effort in practice and it is starting to pay off in games.

“Whenever you take a few losses like that, it bothers everybody,” Smith said. “Everybody that has been around me knows losing doesn’t sit very well with me. I feel like we have some kids that have been hungry and we have some good attitudes in practice and that has shown in our play. If our kids stay behind each other and pick each other up off the ground, then good

things usually happen.”

The Bearcats have nine new players taking the court including redshirt players, freshmen and college transfers, many who see double-digit minutes.

Smith said he credits returning players for helping the newcomers gel and get comfortable playing with each other.

“It takes time,” Smith said. “You have players that have never experienced NCAA Division II basketball or me before. That type of thing takes time. I think when your kids are attentive and they want to learn and ask questions, then things do go a lot smoother. We have six core returners who know me and know what to expect from me. They really have helped the new kids come along everyday.”

The Bearcats have a young team going into this year. Taylor Shull and Tember Schechinger are the only two seniors on the roster.

Schechinger, who is averaging 9.5 points-per-game, said they have made sure they put in the effort for the younger players to follow.

“It is really important because these girls really do look up to us. We bring energy to them, and hopefully it will trickle down,” Schechinger said.

With a young and new team, playing at home usually helps the team work together. That has been difficult for the Bearcats so far because they have played six of their first 10 games away heading into next Wednesday.

“It’s tough, but the nice thing is they are getting off campus and just being around their teammates,” Smith said. “There is nothing like playing at home around your home crowd and surround-

ings you practice in everyday. We are getting ready for a rough stretch here again. We have six games left until Christmas and five of them are on the road. We are going to go out and get battle tested on the road.”

Not being used to playing with each other has played its part not only in games, but also practice.

Schechinger said the team is starting to come together more and more each week.

“We had a couple days of practice that were rough, and then our last game, we showed better,” Schechinger said. “Coming off the road we had some really tough competition. This was some of the girls’ first college basketball game. We knew we played our hardest, even though we really weren’t settled in as a team yet. Coming off this win, we really felt we played as a team.”

One of the reasons for the slow start is offensive consistency. In their two wins, the Bearcats have averaged 69 points-per-game. In their four losses, they have averaged only 50 points-per-game.

Schechinger said the difference in production is making sure everyone is being unselfish on the offensive side of the ball.

“We have been a lot more patient moving the ball,” Schechinger said. “We haven’t turned it over as much. We can’t be selfish as a team. I think getting good possessions and taking care of the ball every possession is what’s giving us the edge.”

As for the goal this week, Smith said he wants his team to go out and play a four-quarter game.

“I think just to compete,” Smith said. “They didn’t understand, on the road you have to play every possession like it is your last possession. But that happens when you



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Senior Tember Schechinger scored 12 points and recorded 11 rebounds in Northwest’s win over St. Mary’s. The Bearcats play Southwest Baptist Thursday, Dec. 5.

have a young group of kids. They don’t understand how hard you have to play on the road. They are starting to really catch up on that now. We just want to take it one game at a time.”

The Bearcats go on the road

Thursday in their first game of a three game road trip against Southwest Baptist at 5:30 p.m. Northwest will then travel to Central Missouri Friday at 1:30 p.m. and Lindenwood Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

# Men’s basketball hopes MIAA play provides fresh start

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At the Northwest media luncheon Tuesday, Northwest Men’s Basketball Head Coach Ben McCollum jokingly said that his team only needed five players to suit up for a game.

All jokes aside, the Bearcats have had to deal with that type of uncertainty with their lineup during the preseason and the first part of the regular season.

In their first four games, the Bearcats have been plagued with injuries. McCollum said the team has struggled to adjust in dealing with the early season adversity. Fortunately for Northwest, junior forward Zach Schneider will return to the starting lineup, giving the team a huge boost.

“(The injuries have presented) quite a few challenges in the preseason especially,” McCollum said. “We had thousand guys out throughout the whole preseason, including Conner (Crooker) and Zach (Schneider). That really hurts our offense because there is not as much space on the floor. It kind of changes what (we) have to do offensively. We’ve got them back for the time being, so it’s helped us to get in a rhythm offensively.”

So far, the season has not started out the way Northwest envisioned it would. The team is 2-2 and has dropped out of the rankings after starting out the season ranked 14th in the National Association of Basketball Coaches NCAA Division II preseason poll. Senior guard Conner Crooker said the start of MIAA league play gives Northwest an opportunity to turn around its season.

“We’re not really worried about our record right now,” Crooker said. “With Conference, you start out (with the record of) 0-0. Like coach McCollum said, we’re not ranked anymore, so we need to go out and earn what we need.”

If the Bearcats hope to begin MIAA conference play on a high note, they will have to do so by playing on the road. Their first game will be against Southwest Baptist and their second will be against Central Missouri.

Southwest Baptist has not usually been one of the tougher teams in the MIAA, but the Bearcats know that is not a team they can sleep on. Last year, Northwest played Southwest Baptist twice, and the game played in Maryville, came down to the wire. Ultimately, the Bearcats won the game 77-73 in overtime.

“I think they were more physi-

cal than us. We played to their game plan. They like to speed the baseline and we let them do that. Coach McCollum said they scored on 100 percent of those shots. We’ve got to take away what they do well.”

After their matchup with Southwest Baptist, the Bearcats will head to Warrensburg for a showdown against Central Missouri. Central Missouri will enter the game as the 12th ranked team in the newly released NABC Division II poll. Northwest and Central Missouri split their two games last year with Northwest winning the second contest. With Northwest winning the second game, they beat out Central Missouri for the MIAA regular season title. The success as of late in both programs has added to their already heated rivalry.

This year, Northwest was picked to finish first by the MIAA pre-

season coaches’ poll while Central Missouri was picked to finish second. Even though their game against Central Missouri will only be their second MIAA matchup of the season, it could potentially have huge implications on where both teams finish in the MIAA and how they are seeded in the MIAA postseason tournament.

“Everybody in our league (nearly) has a better record than us and we’re going back to being the hunters. That’s our motto,” McCollum said. “We’ll find out quick because we on the road quite a bit, what these other teams are made of. I like my team. I like them just as much as I liked last year’s (team). I think if anybody is sleeping on the 2-2 record, they’d be mistaken. We’re going to compete, fight, scrap, and do what Bearcats do.”

# ATHLETES of the WEEK



## BEARCATS

Shawn Bane Jr.



The freshman wide receiver caught seven passes for 134 yards and a touchdown in the Bearcat’s 54-7 win over Humboldt State in Northwest’s first playoff game of the season.

Tember Schechinger



The senior guard for the women’s basketball team recorded a double-double with 12 points, 11 rebounds, and three assists in the Bearcats 67-35 win against Saint Mary’s.

Jackson Golightly



The junior forward for the Spoofhound boys basketball team recorded 14 points and seven rebounds Nov. 30 in Mayville’s 80-57 loss to Staley.

John Zimmerman



The junior for the Spoofhounds boys basketball team recorded nine rebounds and scored seven points in Maryville’s 80-57 loss to Staley.

## SPOOFHOUNDS







# DEFENSIVE DOMINANCE

The Bearcats lean on their defense as they prepare for a rematch with Emporia State

Northwest’s defense held the nation’s leading DII rusher to just 24 yards in its playoff victory last Saturday. The Bearcats’ rematch with Emporia State is Saturday at 1 p.m.

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The Northwest Missouri State football team enters the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II Football playoffs with an undefeated record. What has stood out to most is not the fact that the Bearcats are winning, but how dominant they have looked doing it.



The Bearcat defense has proven to be one of the top defenses in all of Division II. Head coach Adam Dorrel said what sets this defense apart from past Bearcat defenses is that before the season, no one really knew how good this unit could be. “It’s a unique group,” Dorrel said. “Going into some of those years, ’06, ’13, guys like that, you had a pretty good idea on paper it was going to be a great defense. I

think, like our team in general this year, I think there were some big question marks...I could go through the list of guys that if I would have said their names in preseason, you would have looked at me and said ‘Who?’.” Looking at the season statistics, you can tell why this defense has been so dominant. This season, the Bearcats have only allowed 17 total touchdowns, which is 11 less than

any other school in Division II. The Northwest defense is also only allowing 204.4 yards a game, which is 35.1 yards a game less than any other team in Division II. The Northwest defense flexed its muscles yet again in its first playoff matchup against Humboldt State. Humboldt State running back Ja’Quan Gardner averaged 199.6 rushing yards a game during the regular season, but he was no match for

the Bearcats. The Bearcats held Gardner to just 24 yards on 14 carries, and held the entire Humboldt State team to negative 24 rushing yards, only allowing four first downs throughout the entire game. Dorrel said the defensive football his team is playing is the blueprint for a championship team.

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## Versatile athlete provides skill, leadership in multiple sports

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Sports are a way for students to perform well for their school outside of the classroom. In high school, students have the chance to show their talent on three different athletic teams during the fall, winter and spring sports seasons. Maryville High School junior Trey Oglesby is taking full advantage of each season. Oglesby contributes to the football team in the fall, the boys basketball team in the winter and the boys golf team in the spring. He has played football and basketball for as long as he can remember. If you ask Oglesby which sport was his favorite, he would not give you a direct answer. “I just love all of them,” Oglesby said. “I have fun doing them, and I would not know what I would be doing if it wasn’t for sports.” One must understand the concept of a team to develop into a suc-



cessful athlete. Once a team’s identity is discovered, it has the potential of being successful. Spoofhounds boys basketball head coach Mat Stoecklein says to help each team he is a part of be successful. “He is a supreme competitor,” Stoecklein said. “He hates to lose. He works his tail off. He is a great teammate. That sums him up right there.” Each of the three teams have been through ups and downs with Oglesby and his teammates. This has led to Oglesby’s value of team, even during tough times. “It is nice to have your friends behind you,” Oglesby said. “You know they have your back. When you have good teammates, you have a good team. That’s what I have in all three sports.” Being a year-round athlete is not all about performing on the field, it also takes time management and discipline on the academic field.

“You have to be a good student all year,” Stoecklein said. “You have practices and games everyday. You’ve got to be talented. It takes a special type of person.” As a junior, competing year round while managing academics has become natural for Oglesby. “It is not too difficult,” Oglesby said. “You get your school work done first, that always comes first. You get home from practice, do your homework, hang out with friends. It is not that hard.” Oglesby’s first experience playing for the Spoofhound boys golf team was during his sophomore year. Oglesby cited friends as the reason for joining. He played golf for fun in the past. As a team, the Spoofhounds finished fourth in the Class 2, Section 4 meet. In this event, Oglesby shot a 93, just four points from qualifying for state as a sophomore.

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## NCAA faces major bowl dilemma



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At the conclusion of every football season, successful college football programs across the country pat themselves on the back and celebrate their triumph by participating in a bowl game. Most of these bowl games are in warm climates and have large payouts which are distributed to the participating universities. These games also give players and coaches an escape from the frigid winter temperatures and the grind of everyday life. Since bowl games come as a reward, it’s imperative that reward is backed up by good performance.

For years, the NCAA has mandated teams cannot qualify for a bowl game unless they have six wins and are at least above .500. Although I have always thought it has been a joke to reward a team that has gone 6-6 with a postseason berth, I never complained because in the end, it meant more football. However, this is the year where I will draw the line and question the purpose and formality of the bowl selection process. Earlier this week, the NCAA announced that it will allow teams with a 5-7 record to become eligible for a bowl berth. The NCAA was pressed into making this decision because there are not enough teams that have won a sufficient amount of games to fill each bowl slot.

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